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SUBJECT: NPT REVCON: GARCIA ROBLES' PROPOSAL FOR WITHDRAWAL
MEXICAN DRAFT PROTOCOLS

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1. AT A PRIVATE LUNCHEON MEETING, MEXICAN REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE NPT GARCIA ROBLES TOLD KLEIN THAT HIS AIM AT THE
CONFERENCE WAS TO ATTEMPT TO ARRIVE AT A CONSENSUS TO
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INSURE THAT CONFERENCE ENDS ON A POSITIVE NOTE AND THAT

NPT GOES FORWARD. HE SAID HE REALIZED THAT WHILE HIS TWO PROTOCOLS DEALING WITH VERTICAL PROLIFERATION AND COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (GENEVA 3408) COULD PROBABLY MUSTER SUPPORT OF A MAJORITY OF CONFEREES, THEY COULD NOT OBTAIN TWO-THIRDS VOTE NECESSARY FOR ADOPTION. RATHER THAN SPLIT THE CONFERENCE ON THIS AND OTHER ISSUES, AND HE FELT INSISTING UPON A VOTE WOULD DO JUST THAT, HE WAS PREPARED TO MODIFY HIS PROPOSAL TO INSURE CONFERENCE CONSENSUS.

2. SPECIFICALLY, GARCIA ROBLES SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO WITHDRAW HIS TWO PROTOCOLS AND HAVE THEM RETABLED AS A RESOLUTION, WHICH WOULD POINT OUT THAT THE PROTOCOLS REPRESENTED THE SERIOUS VIEWS OF ITS CO-SPONSORS; THAT THE CO-SPONSORS THEMSELVES REALIZED THAT THE ISSUES RAISED WERE OF SUCH ORDER THAT THEY COULD NOT BE HANDLED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF THIS NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE, BUT THAT THEY NEVERTHELESS WISHED TO HAVE THEIR VIEWS COMMUNICATED TO THE THREE DEPOSITORY POWERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND FOR WHATEVER ACTION THE DEPOSITORIES CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE.

3. GARCIA ROBLES SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS PROPOSAL ONLY WITH ONE OTHER PERSON -- THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE -- AND WOULD APPRECIATE THE VIEWS OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER.

4. IN REPLY, KLEIN SAID HE FULLY AGREED WITH GARCIA ROBLES' OBSERVATION THAT REGARDLESS OF THE DIFFERENCES THAT EXISTED BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY, THE CONFERENCE OUGHT TO FIND THAT SUBSTANTIVE CONSENSUS NEEDED TO STRENGTHEN THE TREATY AND THE CAUSE OF NON-PROLIFERATION. FOR THIS REASON, WE WOULD CERTAINLY WELCOME THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW THE TWO PROTOCOLS WHICH RAISED SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR THE UNITED STATES. INsofar AS GARCIA ROBLES' SUGGESTED RESOLUTION WAS CONCERNED, KLEIN'S PERSONAL VIEW WAS THAT IT SOUNDED REASONABLE PROVIDED THE LANGUAGE WAS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. KLEIN WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE NEEDED TIME TO DISCUSS GARCIA ROBLES' SUGGESTION WITH

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OTHER MEMBERS OF THE US DELEGATION AND WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH GARCIA ROBLES BY THURSDAY.

5. UNLESS WASHINGTON PERCEIVES SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS WITH GARCIA ROBLES' PROPOSED APPROACH AND INSTRUCTS US OTHERWISE, WE WOULD PLAN TO GO BACK TO HIM THURSDAY PM AND TELL HIM THAT WE WELCOME HIS SUGGESTED APPROACH PROVIDED THE LANGUAGE IS ACCEPTABLE AND THEREFORE WE

WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CONTENTS OF THE RESOLUTION HE HAD
IN MIND. DALE

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